

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-37

Sheridan Point Farm

6400 Sheridan Point Road

Prince Frederick, Calvert County

c1882

Private

The primary dwelling at Sheridan Point Farm, located at 6400 Sheridan Point Road, was constructed in 1882 for Sally Broome Duke Morsell Dowell and substantially renovated between 1938 and 1958 to reflect the fashionable Colonial Revival style. This current structure replaced a circa 1810 dwelling that was destroyed by fire in 1882. Like The Spout (CT-62), the house at Sheridan Point Farm reflects a local and national trend of wealthy urbanites seeking escape from the cities by purchasing and remodeling rural farmsteads in the Colonial Revival style taking place during the second quarter of the 20th century. Despite development pressures from Washington, D.C. commuters seeking inexpensive suburban housing, Sheridan Point Farm remains intact, consisting of a 205-acre tract including cultivated fields, dwellings, barns, agricultural and domestic outbuildings, remains intact. Sheridan Point Wharf (or Duke's Wharf), no longer active, was located on the site and was a major loading point on the Patuxent River for tobacco and passengers well into the 20th century. It is a significant example of the wharf system, which played an essential role in the transportation, economy and development of Calvert County during the 19th century.

The primary dwelling at Sheridan Point Farm is two-and-a-half stories in height. The main block of the dwelling measures five bays wide and three bays deep. The solid foundation is constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond. The wood-frame structure is clad in wide weatherboard siding that is lapped on the northeast (land) façade and flush with beading on the southwest (river) facade. The gable ends are faced with brick. The steeply pitched side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and is pierced on both facades with three front-gabled dormers. The paired exterior-end chimneys on the side elevations are constructed of brick laid in five-course American bond with single shoulders and reconstructed corbeled caps. The southwest façade, facing the Patuxent River, features a two-story piazza with two-story Tuscan posts. The one-story wings were added in 1955. Two historic sheds, historic hunting cabin, gazebo, in-ground pool, greenhouse, ruins of a shed, and dock further improve the property.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-37

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Sheridan Point Farm
other

2. Location

street and number 6400 Sheridan Point Road not for publication
city, town Prince Frederick vicinity
county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David M. Watson and Mary S. Watson
street and number 6400 Sheridan Point Road telephone Unknown
city, town Pr. Frederick state MD zip code 20678

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 29:8
city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE 786 folio 673

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5 2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	3 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	5 5 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5 5 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING. Historically a rural property, the dwelling and surrounding domestic outbuildings are set on a large landscaped parcel sloping southward to the Patuxent River. The dwelling's siting resulted in the primary façade fronting the river to the southwest and the secondary façade on the land side facing northeast. The property is augmented with foundation plantings, mature trees and shrubs including maple trees, poplar trees, evergreen trees and boxwoods. A gravel drive accesses the property from Sheridan Point Road and circles on the east elevation of the main dwelling. Two historic sheds, historic hunting cabin, gazebo, in-ground pool, greenhouse, ruins of a shed, and dock further improve the property. A historic road leads from the north of the house to the dock along the water's edge.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. The primary dwelling at Sheridan Point Farm, located at 6400 Sheridan Point Road, was constructed circa 1882 and substantially altered and enlarged between 1938 and 1958 to reflect the Colonial Revival style. This structure replaced the original dwelling on the site, which was erected circa 1810 and destroyed by fire in 1882. Prior to the 1955 renovation of the current wood-frame structure, the facade of the dwelling as indicated by historic photographs was five bays wide with a side gable roof, pediment, and central entry. A full-width porch with a small pediment and scrollwork augmented the first story. The building, heated by paired chimneys, was clad in weatherboard and enlarged by an addition. The shuttered window openings held 6/6 sash. Beginning in 1938, this wood-frame structure was substantially enlarged and ornamented to reflect the then-fashionable detailing of the Colonial Revival style. This renovation, ending in 1958, resulted in the raising of the roof structure and the construction of a two-story piazza and wing additions (added in 1955).

Standing two-and-a-half stories in height, the main block of the dwelling measures five bays wide and three bays deep. The solid foundation is constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond. The wood-frame structure is clad in wide weatherboard siding. This material is lapped on the northeast façade and flush with beading on the southwest facade. As a result of the 20th-century additions and alterations, the side elevations of the main block were clad in brick with a stretcher-bond pattern. The steeply pitched side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has a shallow boxed cornice on the secondary façade. The roof is pierced on both the primary (river) and secondary (land) facades with three front-gabled dormers holding 6/6 wood-sash windows. The paired exterior-end chimneys on the side elevations are constructed of brick laid in five-course American bond with single shoulders and reconstructed corbeled caps. The central entry on the northeast elevation is covered by a half-hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles and supported by square wood posts. The southwest façade, facing the Patuxent River, features a two-story piazza that is Colonial Revival in style. The flat roof of the piazza is supported by two-story Tuscan posts and has a wide molded entablature with a plain frieze. The window openings on the main block are elongated 6/6 sash on the first story and standard 6/6 sash on the second story. The most ornate entry, located on the southwest (river) façade, is framed by sidelights, fanlight, and fluted pilaster surrounds.

The northwest wing, one story in height, is brick with a Flemish-bond pattern. It has segmental-arched openings on the northeast and southwest elevations. These openings are framed with soldier-coursed brick headers. The side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The southeast addition, rising one-and-a-half stories in height, provides additional living space. Originally, this addition included a three-car garage on the first story that has since been converted into additional living space. (1) Constructed of brick laid in five-course American bond, the addition has a hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles and pierced by front-gabled wall dormers. The addition has a wide entablature with plain frieze and boxed cornice. The shed-roof dormers are clad in weatherboard and pierced by single and paired six-light casement windows. The first story has 6/6 sash windows and three sliding-glass doors that replaced the roll-up paneled garage doors.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. The two historic sheds, dating to circa 1920, are constructed of wood frame. Located to the north of the main dwelling, the one-story sheds are set on concrete block pier foundations and have gable roofs clad in asphalt sheets. One of the sheds is clad with flush horizontal weatherboard while the second shed has both vertical and horizontal weatherboard siding. A third wood-frame shed, set to the west of the house, dates from circa 1940. Clad in weatherboard siding, the shed is severely deteriorated and in ruins.

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The historic cabin is located along the water's edge to the northeast of the dock. The L-shaped cabin was constructed circa 1925. The building was originally located further out on the point and was moved to its current location after 1938. It stands one story in height on a brick pier foundation. The wood-frame structure is clad with flush weatherboard siding. The gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has wide overhanging eaves with knee brackets. The hinged openings hold four-light wood sash windows. The southern end of the building, an addition with a half-hipped roof, has screened openings and a single-leaf entry door.

The non-historic garage, located to the north of the house, was constructed circa 1981. It stands one-and-a-half stories in height and is clad in brick veneer on the southeast elevation. The side-gabled roof is covered in asphalt shingles and is pierced by a front-gabled dormer.

The non-historic greenhouse, built circa 1981, is located adjacent to the house on the southeast side. Standing one story in height, the metal and glass structure has a solid brick foundation.

The gazebo, dating from circa 1992 and relocated to the property in 1999, is constructed of wood frame with square posts and has been screened. It is covered by a polygonal roof with wood shingles. The gazebo is located to the west of the house adjacent to the pool. The in-ground pool, constructed circa 1981, has a one-room pool house and brick paved walks.

The long dock is located to the west of the house along the beaches of the Patuxent River. It is constructed of wood frame with round posts and wood decking.

ENDNOTES

(1) Wilfong, James. Photograph, c1965. James Wilfong Collection. Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1882, c1938

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1882, c1938

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY. The primary dwelling at Sheridan Point Farm, located at 6400 Sheridan Point Road, was constructed in 1882 and substantially renovated between 1938 and 1958 to reflect the Colonial Revival style. The present dwelling, constructed for Sally Broome Duke Morsell Dowell, replaced a circa 1810 structure on the property that burned in 1882. Like The Spout (CT-62), the house reflects a local and national trend of wealthy urbanites seeking escape from the cities by purchasing and remodeling rural farmsteads in the Colonial Revival style taking place during the second quarter of the 20th century. Despite development pressures from Washington, D.C. commuters seeking inexpensive suburban housing, Sheridan Point Farm remains intact, consisting of a 205-acre tract including cultivated fields, dwellings, barns, agricultural and domestic outbuildings. Sheridan Point Wharf (or Duke's Wharf), no longer active, was located on the site and was a major loading point on the Patuxent River for tobacco and passengers well into the 20th century. It is a significant example of the wharf system, which played an essential role in the transportation, economy and development of Calvert County during the 19th century.

HISTORY. Sheridan Point Farm takes its name from Thomas Sheridan (Sherridine), who settled in this area of Calvert County during the mid-17th century. (1) At that time, the tract was known as Turkey Buzzard. (2) The first reference to the placename Sheridan Point occurs in the Maryland tax list of 1783. (3) A house at Sheridan Point is known to have been in existence as early as 1814, but this early dwelling, owned by Dr. John Gray, was burned by the British during the War of 1812 (1812-1815). (4) The current dwelling at 6400 Sheridan Point Road was originally constructed circa 1882 by William H. Dowell and is said to have been a wedding gift for his wife, Sally Broome Duke Morsell Dowell. (5) It was a two-story wood-frame dwelling clad in lapped weatherboard with a side-gable roof. (6) The five-bay façade had a central gable and a one-story porch with segmental arches. The house had a two-story wood-frame shed-roof addition to one side, and exterior-end brick chimneys with a brick pent. During the late 19th century a wharf was established at Sheridan Point, also known as Duke's Wharf, and by 1878 a post office was operating at the wharf. (7) The wharf, located further out on the point than the current dock, was a regular stop on the Weems Steamboat Company line, and the old road to the landing is still visible on the site. Sally Dowell capitalized on the presence of the wharf by renting out rooms to steamboat passengers. (8)

In 1938, the property was acquired by James Angus Watson (1900-1971) of Silver Spring, Maryland and his wife, Mildred Murray Watson (d. 1978). (9) Watson was a West Point graduate and successful businessman who sold automobile equipment and trucks to the Army during World War II. (10) Between 1938 and 1958, the Watsons undertook a major Colonial Revival-style renovation of the house at Sheridan Point Farm. The renovation included the raising of the roof four feet, excavation of the basement, the construction of the wings and the two-story river-front porch. On the interior the wall between the north parlors was removed to create large double parlor, moldings and matelpieces throughout were reproduced. The Watsons also graded the land between the house and the Patuxent River and built the house closest to the main dwelling on Sheridan Point Road for tenant farmers. The one-story cabin had existed on the site when it was acquired by Watson and is said to have been used as a hunting cabin by people from Philadelphia. (11) During their tenure at Sheridan Point Farm, the Watsons raised beef cattle. Following the death of Mildred

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Watson in 1978, the property passed to her sons. To save the property from subdivision, one of the sons, David M. Watson, bought out his brothers and moved into the house with his wife, Mary, in 1981. A graduate of Princeton and Columbia Universities, David Watson was a financial investor who had worked on Wall Street for 15 years. The Watsons constructed the pool, current dock, and garage on the site, and converted the former attached garage into additional living space. The Watsons continue to live in the house with their son.

ENDNOTES

- (1) Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992. p. 284.
- (2) Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992. p. 284.
- (3) Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992. p. 285.
- (4) Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992. p. 286.
- (5) Watson, David M. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee. December 30, 2002.
- (6) Photograph, c1890. In the private collection of David M. Watson. Sheridan Point Farm, Prince Frederick, MD.
- (7) The post office operated until 1910 when it was moved to Adelina. Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992. p. 287.
- (8) Sundermann, Anne M. Harbours, Creeks and Places: The Steamboat Wharves and Landings of Calvert County, Maryland. Calvert County Historic District Commission: Prince Frederick, 2001. p. 50.
- (9) Watson, David M. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee. December 30, 2002.
- (10) Information on the Watson occupation was provided by David M. Watson. Watson, David M. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee. December 30, 2002.
- (11) Watson, David M. On-site interview by Carrie E. Albee. December 30, 2002.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 205 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Sheridan Point Farm is located at 6400 Sheridan Point Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 29, Parcel 8, Sub District 02 since its construction in the late 19th century. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 786, Page 673.

11. Form Prepared By

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date 2/27/03

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state DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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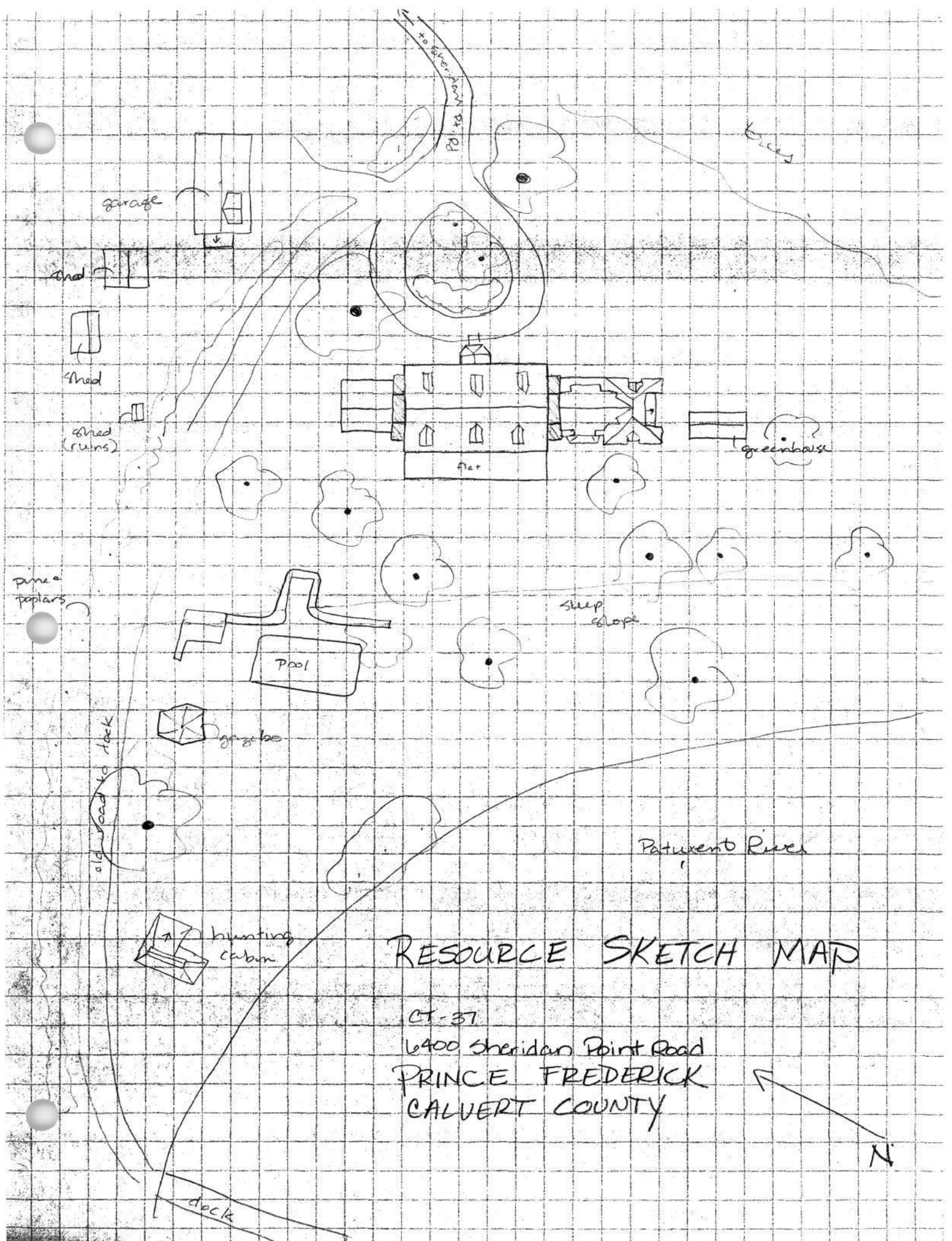
Hutchins, Ailene W. Hunting Creek Hundred. Ailene Hutchins: Prince Frederick, 1992.

Photograph, c1890. In the private collection of David M. Watson. Sheridan Point Farm, Prince Frederick, MD.

Sundermann, Anne M. Harbours, Creeks and Places: The Steamboat Wharves and Landings of Calvert County, Maryland. Calvert County Historic District Commission: Prince Frederick, 2001.

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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6400 Sheridan Point Road
PRINCE FREDERICK
CALVERT COUNTY

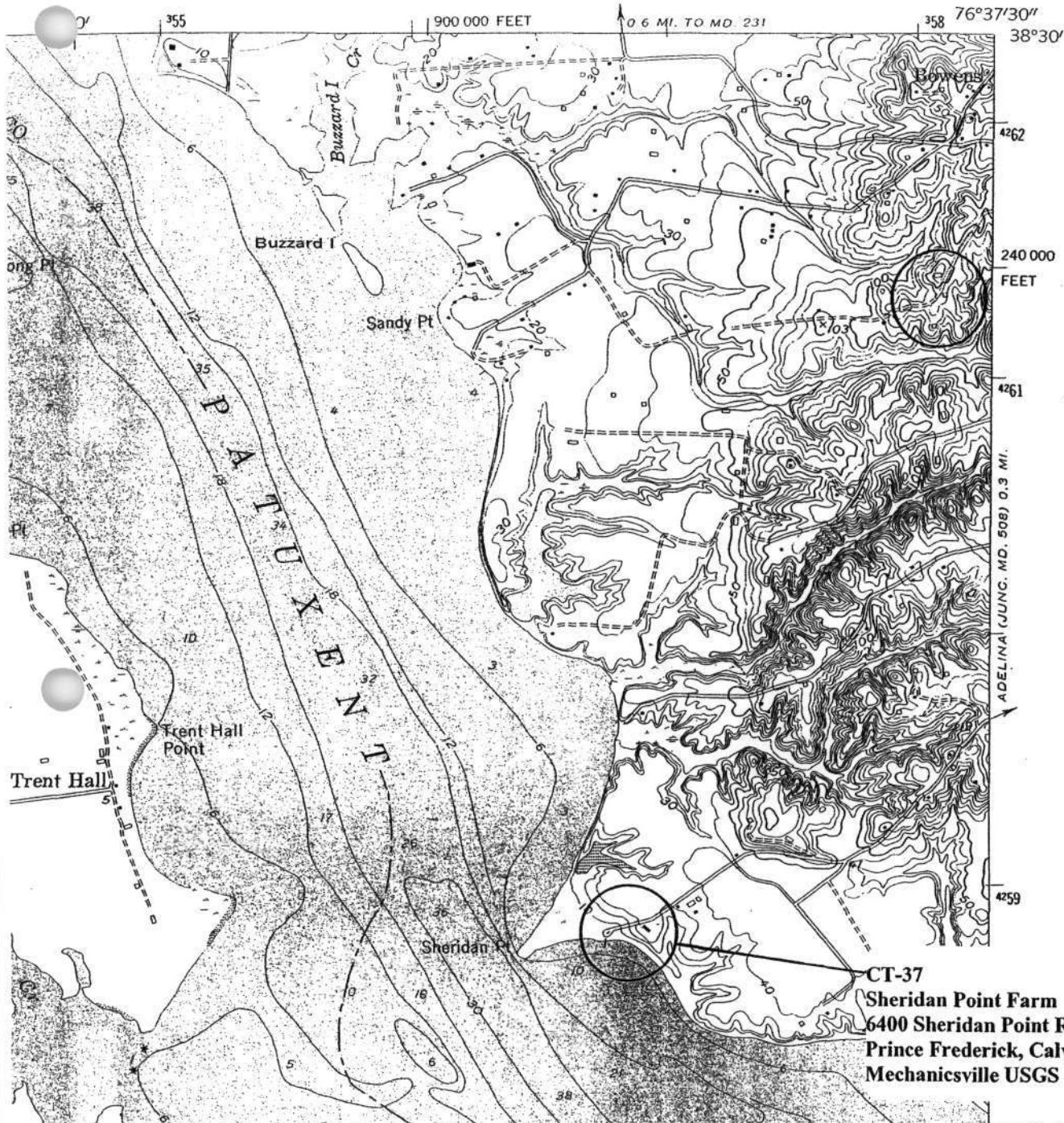
MECHANICSVILLE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

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(PRINCE FREDERICK)

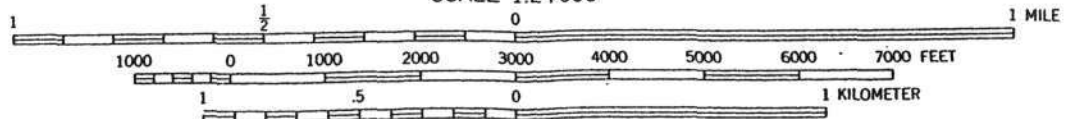


MECHANICSVILLE, MD.

NW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3822.5-W7637.5/7.5

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5660 I NW-SERIES V833

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER



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SHERIDAN POINT FARM
6400 SHERIDAN POINT ROAD
CALVERT COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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SHERIDAN POINT FARM

6400 SHERIDAN POINT ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH CORNER

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, EAST CORNER

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6400 SHERIDAN POINT ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTH CORNER

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SHERIDAN POINT FARM

6400 SHERIDAN POINT ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

DOCK AND HUNTING LODGE, VIEW

LOOKING WEST

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2002

MD SHPO

HUNTING LODGE, EAST CORNER

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD

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12/2002

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HUNTING LODGE, WEST CORNER

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CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

12/2002

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DOCK, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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SHERIDON POINT FARM (site)

late 18th.

The present Georgian Revival house at Sheridan Point incorporates and replaces a much earlier structure.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sheridan Point

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sheridan Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Adelina

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

MD

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Mildred Watson (James)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Sheridan Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Adelina

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sheridan Point, the "residence of William H. Dowell, Esq."; is pictured in a late Nineteenth Century travel booklet produced by the Weems Steamboat Co. In the photograph one sees a five bay cross-gable house that has a central entrance. A full porch covers the first level and the centralness of the building is accentuated by a small pediment in the porch roof. The porch is further decorated by ornate gingerbread scrollwork.

The clapboarded exterior extends across the entire facade and addition. On one end of the building one can see a pair of chimneys that are connected by a two-story pent.

The windows are shuttered and appear to be 6/6.

The chimney pent and 6/6 windows support Mrs. Betty Briscoes information that an earlier house stood on this spot which was burned c. 1814.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

MHT lists Sheridan Point Farm as a "site". Although the interior was not examined on July 14, 1977 the exterior of the present structure suggested that little original fabric remains. What exists now is a convincingly real Georgian structure complete with brick siding, fanlight windows and pedimented dormers. The chimneys appear to be much like those in the Weems photograph, however, the brick in the north chimneys is so like that seen in the modern porch on the end, it is assumed that they have been rebuilt.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

Form compiled by:

Merry Stinson

March 1978

ORGANIZATION

architectural consultant

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md. 21401

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert County TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. Sheridan Point		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CT-37	
ORIGINAL OWNER Watson Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER J. A. Watson, Jr. PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick & Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2		2. NAME Sheridan Point Farm - Watson House DATE OR PERIOD late 18th Century - STYLE (Reconstructed) ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER STYLE: Georgian Colonial	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
<p>This large brick house is 5 bays wide and 3 deep. It has a central door and all the windows have 6/6 sashes. There are three 6/6 peaked dormers on the roof. There is a steeply sloped A-roof and double chimneys with two story brick pents at each end of the house. The house is <u>Flemish</u> bond brick on the sides and clapboard on the front and back.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this house has been almost completely reconstructed and has nothing about it which appears old.</p> <p>It is hardly more than a ghost of an old house.</p> <p><u>Over-restored</u></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER PAB 7/20/67 DATE OF RECORD	

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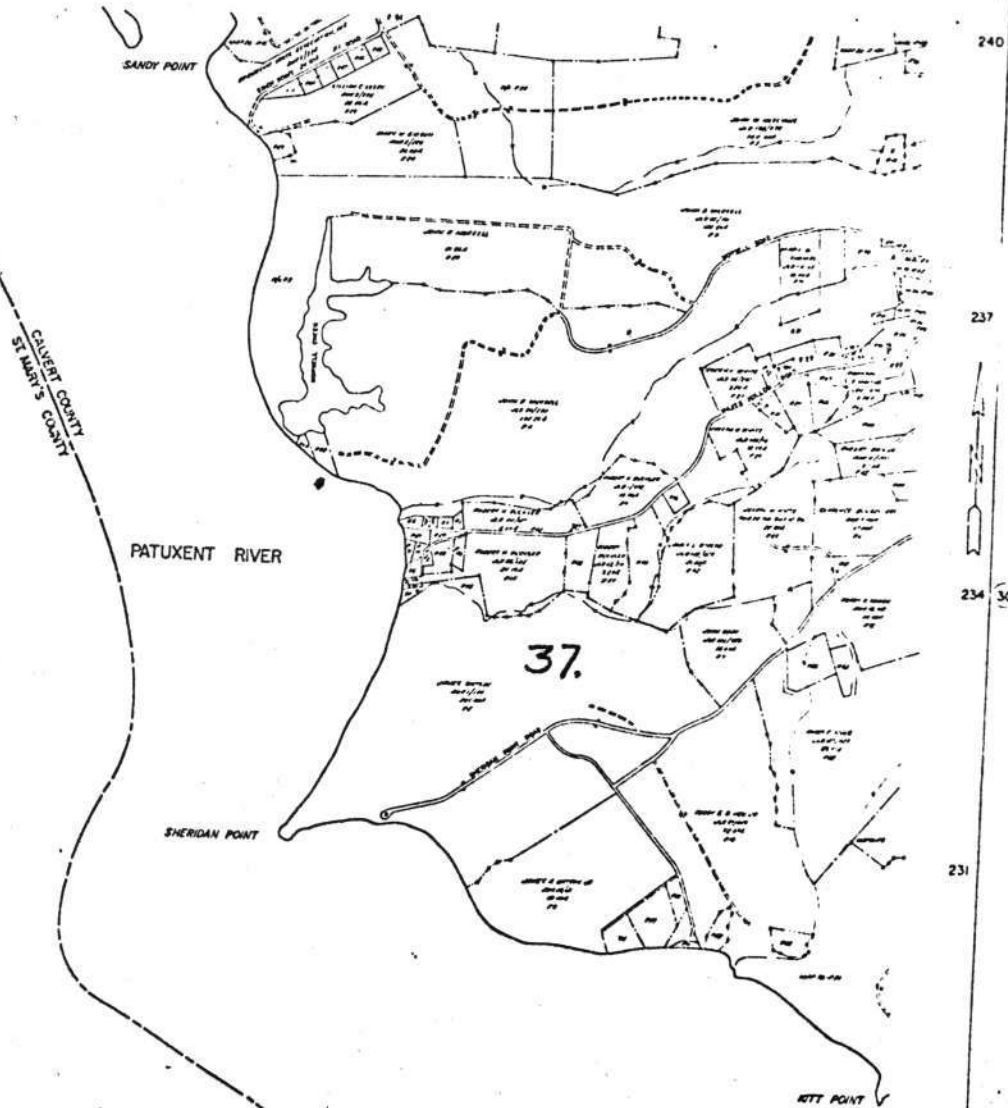
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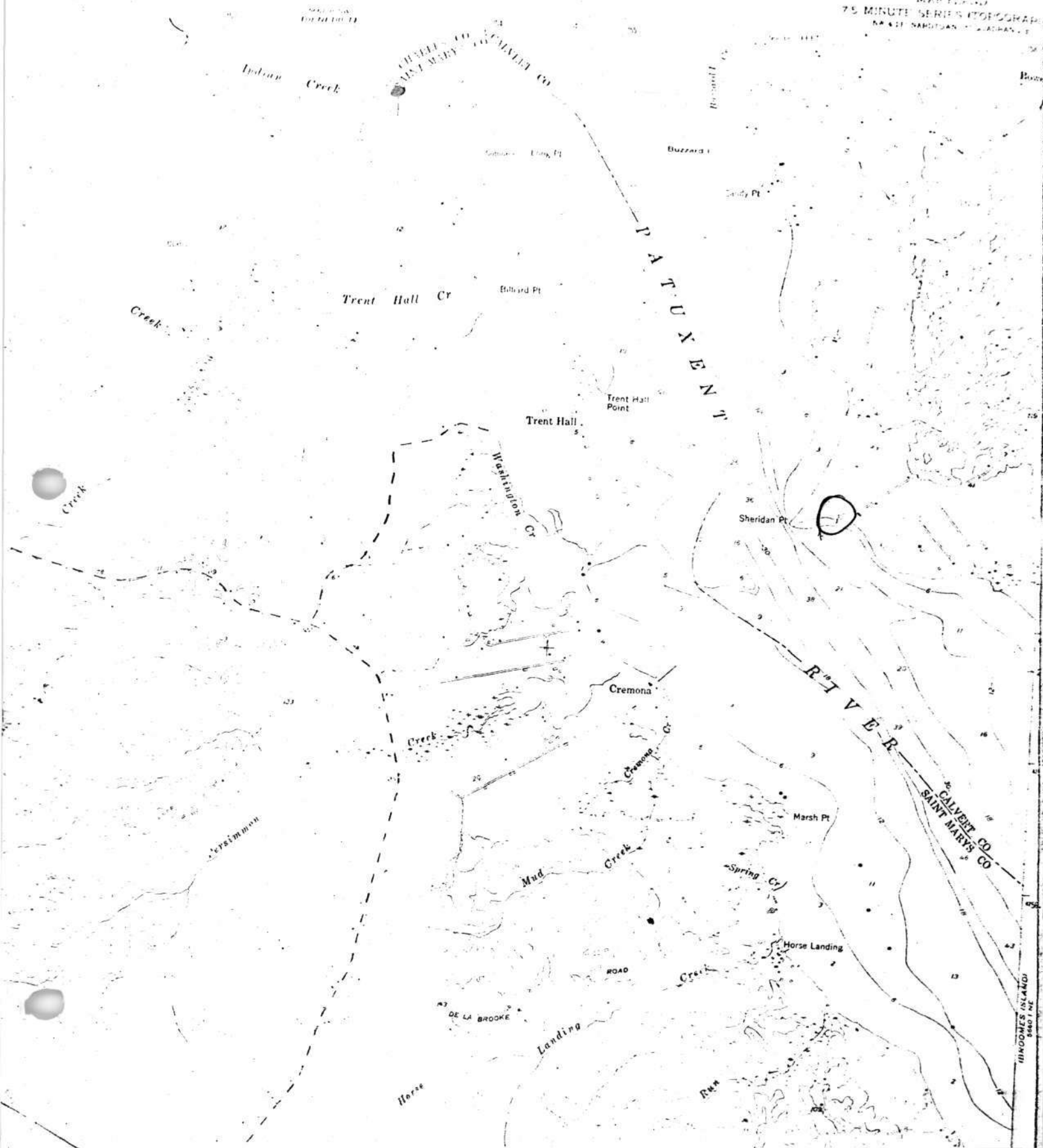
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